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Dear City Council Members,

I am writing to express my concern about the proposal to remove on-street parking in downtown La Crosse in favor of bike-only lanes. While I appreciate the effort to make our city more bike-friendly and sustainable, I believe this particular change could have significant negative impacts on the vitality and accessibility of our downtown area.

Downtown businesses rely heavily on the convenience and visibility that on-street parking provides. Many customers—especially seniors, families with young children, and visitors from outside the city—depend on being able to park near their destinations. Eliminating this option risks discouraging them from visiting downtown altogether, which could hurt local shops, restaurants, and service providers that are already navigating a challenging economic climate.

There are also practical concerns. Limited parking can create frustration, congestion on side streets, and increased demand on already-full parking ramps. While supporting cycling infrastructure is important, it should be done in a way that complements—not replaces—vehicle accessibility. A balanced approach, such as designated bike lanes on less congested streets or shared-use paths, could serve both cyclists and drivers without undermining downtown businesses.

I urge the council to consider the broader impact of this decision on downtown commerce, accessibility, and the overall community experience. Please explore solutions that maintain parking availability while continuing to expand safe, well-planned bike infrastructure throughout La Crosse.

Thank you for your time and for your commitment to making thoughtful, inclusive decisions for our city's future.

Sincerely,  
Lauren